



SUSFOOD2

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AS AN ERA-NET, SUSFOOD2 AIMS AT INCREASING COOPERATION AND SYNERGY BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PARTNERS AND DEFINING COMMON FUTURE PERSPECTIVES IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

THE ERA-NET SUSFOOD2 DEFINES SUSTAINABILITY IN THE FOOD AREA AS A FOOD SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS FOOD SECURITY, MAKES OPTIMAL USE OF NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND RESPECTS BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, WHICH IS CULTURALLY ACCEPTABLE AND ACCESSIBLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND ECONOMICALLY FAIR AND VIABLE, AND WHICH PROVIDES THE CONSUMER WITH NUTRITIONALLY ADEQUATE, SAFE, HEALTHY AND AFFORDABLE FOOD.

EDITORIAL

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« After two years of waiting and preparations, the SUSFOOD2 consortium has started into its second project phase from January 2017 onwards and will be running as ERA-Net Cofund for another 5 years. This network is devoted to the field of sustainable food production and consumption, an area which not only lies at the very heart of the bioeconomy but will be an indispensable element in tackling the societal challenges of our times. In short, SUSFOOD2 ERA-Net will follow a three-fold approach: supporting Research and Innovation, promoting knowledge exchange and networking and follow-up and advancement of our strategy.»

THE SUSFOOD ERA-NET CONTINUES AS H2020 ERA-NET COFUND



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In 2011, a first SUSFOOD ERA-Net was developed under the EU FP7 Programme and consisted of a durable focused network of national research funders in member and associated states of the EU. In SUSFOOD, 25 partners from 16 countries were active, coordinated by INRA, France. The purpose of the first SUSFOOD was to share information, coordinate activities and work towards a common research agenda and mutual research funding activities in the field of sustainable food production and consumption.

After its ending in 2014, the SUSFOOD partners continued the network under the coordination of Pt Juelich, the current coordinator.

In January 2017, the network continued officially as a H2020 ERA-Net Cofund under the name SUSFOOD2.

SUSFOOD2 will run for 5 years and its first action was the launch of a joint cofunded call in the first month.



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SUSFOOD2 OBJECTIVES

The strategic goal of SUSFOOD2 complements the EU bioeconomy and food policies, and aims to reinforce cooperation in research, development and innovation between EU members and associated states in order to maximize the contribution of research to the development of more sustainable food systems from production to consumption.

The SUSFOOD2 approach to meet its objectives is threefold:

1. funding research and innovation through the cofunded call and additional activities,
2. creating a strong strategy for the implementation and further advancement of its Strategic Research Agenda and
3. strengthen networking and knowledge transfer among all kinds of stakeholders.



[More information on the SUSFOOD2 Scope](#)

THE NEW SUSFOOD2 PARTNER NETWORK

SUSFOOD2 consists of 26 partners from 15 EU member states or 3rd countries, coordinated by Juelich, Germany.



- 1 BELGIUM (EV-ILVO, HERMES FUNDS/ VLAIO)
- 2 ESTONIA (MEM)
- 3 FINLAND (LUKE, MMM)
- 4 FRANCE (ACTIA, ANR)
- 5 GERMANY (BMBF, BLE, BMEL, PTJ)
- 6 IRELAND (DAFM)
- 7 ITALY (MIPAAF, MIUR)
- 8 LITHUANIA (MOALIT)
- 9 NORWAY (RCN)
- 10 ROMANIA (UEFISCDI)
- 11 SPAIN (INIA, CDTI, ADE, MINECO)
- 12 SWEDEN (FORMAS)
- 13 THE NETHERLANDS (EZ, NWO)
- 14 THE UNITED KINGDOM (DEFRA)
- 15 TURKEY (GDAR)

ASSOCIATED:
BELGIUM (FLANDERS' FOOD)
NEW ZEALAND (MBIE)

95 PRE-PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN SUSFOOD2 COFUNDED CALL

Launch of the cofunded call

The H2020 SUSFOOD2 ERA-NET Cofund started 2017 with a cofunded call of approximately 14 Mio €, including a 4 Mio € top-up from the EU.

Four topics from the eight priority research areas defined in the first SUSFOOD ERA-Net Strategic Research agenda were selected for project submission :

1. Innovation in food processing technologies and products (25)
2. Added value, increased resource efficiency and reduction of waste in sustainable food systems (49)
3. Understanding consumer behavior and food choices (17)
4. Harmonisation of the methods and metrics for integrated assessment of sustainability of food products and food patterns (4)

This two-stage call opened on January 9th for preproposal submission.

The call submission for pre-proposals ended on March 13th.



[Download the Susfood2 call announcement](#)
[Download the Strategic Research Agenda of Susfood](#)
[For more information, visit our website.](#)

KICK-OFF MEETING

On the 7th and 8th of February, the Susfood2 network held its kick-off meeting at the Ministry of agriculture food and forestry policies in Rome, Italy. This Kick-off meeting was used to set the scenes for the external SUSFOOD2 wants to handle. Next to internal presentations, three SUSFOOD2 partners were invited: the SUSFOOD2 project advisor Alessandro Chiodini (EC/ REA Unit B2), who explained the structure of H2020 ERA-Net Cofunds as well as Aine Regan from CommBeBiz introducing ways to effective knowledge transfer and communication. The FAO approach to sustainable Food Systems was presented in a keynote speech by Florence Tartanac (Senior Officer Nutrition and Food systems division, FAO).



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SUSFOOD2 CALL WEBINAR: A SUCCESS-FORMULA!

On 16th February the SUSFOOD2 call office organised a webinar concerning the Susfood2 cofunded call on sustainable food production and consumption. The webinar included a presentation with the thematic background of the call and the topics, the submission conditions and requirements, the use of the submission tool and how the evaluation of the proposal will be performed. The webinar ended with a Question and Answer session.



The number of more than 170 participants reflects the high interest among the research community. Documentation of the webinar (recording, presentation, Q&A) can be found on the [website](#).

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